

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 5, 2006.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Harkins of Needham in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Gracious God, in Whom we place our trust and faith, we depend upon Your guidance as we propose, study and evaluate this new year's legislative issues. Teach us to be aware of and alert to the current and future needs of the people as well as to the consequences of our personal decisions. May we continue to respect the dignity and the rights — constitutional, human and civil — of all, even in this era of terrorism. Help us to be objective and fair in promoting the happiness of the people, good order in our communities and a sense of personal responsibility for our choices.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Harkins), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Lina Ellen
Makela Pernaa.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hargraves of Groton) congratulating Lina Ellen Makela Pernaa on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

James
Haskell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Keenan of Salem) on the occasion of the retirement of James Haskell;

Robert
Foley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Leary of Worcester) congratulating Robert Foley in recognition of his becoming the winningest high school boys basketball coach in New England;

Mark
Volain.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Rivera of Springfield) congratulating Mark Volain on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Adam P.
Langlois.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush of Boston) congratulating Adam P. Langlois of Mansfield for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout;

Mrs. Harkins of Needham, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hargraves of Groton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

North Shore
School
District.

A Bill making corrective changes to an Act Establishing the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District (Senate,

No. 2317) (on Senate, No. 302), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hargraves of Groton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A Bill changing the membership of the Hampshire County Housing Authority (Senate, No. 2283) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hampshire
County,
housing
authority.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to the possession of firearms by certain persons (House, No. 4553),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Firearms,
possession.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the city of Peabody (House, No. 4247); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the application of Benjamin Joress for a civil service examination for police officer notwithstanding the minimum age requirement (House, No. 4352);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont (Mrs. Harkins of Needham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.